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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Mr. Howard Roffman
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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This letter is in reference to my letter to you dated January 25, 1977, your letter dated January 31, 1977, and a telephone conversation between you and Special Agent David Binney on February 22, 1977.

Reiterating the information in that telephone conversation, your initial request, dated September 7, 1976, concerning records pertaining to the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy was assigned request number 27,441. Your second request, relating to 18 specific documents on the assassination of President Kennedy, dated December 15, 1976, has been assigned number 40,111. These requests have been and should be considered separate and distinct.

The letter to you dated January 25, 1977, pertained only to request number 27,441. In that letter, it was stated that the FBI does not have any records pertaining to the autopsy of the late President Kennedy, "other than the material the National Archives has already released to you." I regret that this phrase was misleading and did not convey the proper facts. The FBI does not have any records of the autopsy itself nor any records concerning the subsequent disposition of those records. Further, the two FBI agents who were present during the autopsy made no records.

The negative reply above was based upon a complete search of the John F. Kennedy Assassination file which is located at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Finally, the FBI has no record regarding any restrictions placed upon the autopsy records. I would suggest your contacting the Archivist, National Archives, regarding that inquiry.

Mr. Howard Roffman

I regret the confusion that has arisen over this request and hope that this letter has clarified the facts. No further action will be taken on this request. You will receive separate correspondence regarding your request number 40,111.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
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Director